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1. From August 1948 to May 1950 three tugs [redacted] of 300 ton capacity and 500 horsepower each were built for the Soviets at the Batelana shipbuilding yard near Galați, formerly the Rumanian Naval Arsenal.
2. The Batelana shipyard also constructed an 800 ton river barge for the Sovromtransport (Soviet/Rumanian Transportation Company). The shipyard overhauled the 1,500 ton Rumanian destroyers, MAREȘTI and MAREȘTI. These ships had been returned by the Soviets to the Rumanians. These destroyers have two guns at the stern and two at the bow, six torpedo tubes three on each side, and anti-aircraft machine guns. During this period the 500-600 ton gunboat ZBORUL with two small cannons and two anti-aircraft guns was overhauled.
3. During this same period the following ships were constructed or repaired for the Soviets at the nearby shipbuilding yard of the Sovromtransport:
  - a. Two large motor propelled tanker-barges, 1,200 to 1,500 tons each.
  - b. Four tugs of 500 ton capacity and 800 horsepower each.
  - c. Ten 200 ton trawlers were under construction for the Soviets.
  - d. A 3,500 ton Soviet freighter was undergoing repairs.
4. The director of the 7 November shipyard from August 1948 to May 1950 was the Rumanian ship engineer Simeon Varna, age 52. Five months ago the 7 November and Sovromtransport shipyards were amalgamated and are now managed by the Soviets. Director of both shipyards now is a Russian named Trunin, and chief engineer is a Jew named Aronovic. About one thousand workers and office employees of various nationalities work at the 7 November yard, and 3,000 work at the Sovromtransport yards.

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